


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14. Rejected claims 1-6 and 15-20 have been amended such that they now depend, directly or ultimately, on allowable independent claim 9 and are thus now allowable. Claim 21 has been cancelled.

As all pending claims are now allowable a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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